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G. O. MS. NO. 5143. Dated 18th September 1948.
Read the following:-
From the Director of Agriculture, No.Y.I.664/48, dated 7-10-1948.

ORDER:

His Excellency the Governor of Madras permits the Fruit Specialist to attend the Fruits and vegetables sub-committee meeting of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research to be held on 28th and 29th October 1948 at New Delhi.

/BY ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR /

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Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Agriculture.
To the Accountant General.
Copy to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE,
MADRAS-5, DATED 8TH NOVEMBER 1948.

Copy of report from the Fruit Specialist, No.741/48 addressed to The Director of Agriculture, Madras, dated 3rd November 1948.

Sir,

Ref: Your endorsement No.Y.1.664/48, dated 19-10-48. and G.O.No.Ms.5143, Development, Department, dated 18-10-48.

Sub: Indian Council of Agricultural Research - Meeting of Fruit and Vegetable Committee - report on - Submitted.

I submit the following report on the meetings of the Fruit and Vegetable Committee attended by me at New Delhi on 28th and 29th October 1948.

Fruit and Vegetable Committee meeting held on 28-10-48 Items relating to the Indian Union as a whole.

(1) Regarding the demand for increased and improved facilities for rail transport of fruits and vegetables voiced by the committee in a previous meeting and the reply thereto by the Railway Administration, the committee felt that representatives of the Fruit and Vegetable Industry should be given a place on the Advisory Council charged with the equitable distribution of wagons. In case such bodies did not exist in all railways, they may be organised. Further, it was suggested that the railways should give wide publicity to all their circulars relating to all concessions pertaining to fresh fruit and vegetable traffic in regional languages, both through the press and the Agriculture Departments.

(2) The committee resolved that future research work on fruit products at the Central Fruit Technological Institute should be limited to the common fruits of the Union.

(3) ~~The~~ A suggestion was made that it was not advisable to discontinue the advanced and short courses that were being run at New Delhi by the Fruit Development Adviser on fruit preservation for ladies.

(4) The resolutions passed by the recent All India Horticultural Conference at Madras were discussed and recorded.

(5) A sub committee was appointed to examine the work done on Citrus Dic-back and report urgently.

(6) The request of the Calcutta University to depute a worker to Trinidad for training in banana breeding for 2 years was negatived in view of the provision already made in the Madras Scheme to send a person for acquainting with the work at Trinidad and also in view of the fact that trained cytoligists are already available in India.

(7) The Committee urged that the proposed Central Potato Station should be set up immediately.

II. Subjects concerning Madras only.

(1) The report of Fruit Research Station, Kadur could not be considered at the meeting as it was not received yet by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research from Madras Government.

(2) The Committeee favoured the sanction of the scheme for starting three Regional Fruit Stations in Circars, Tamilnad

and West Coast. As the Scheme has already made provision for study of manurial requirements of fruits in each region, no change in the objectives was suggested but details of work were suggested to be given in the technical programme to be prepared after the scheme is finally sanctioned. The profits from the three stations were suggested to be shared equally by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Local Governments.

(3) The mango cyto-genetic scheme of Madras was also ~~irrem-rnfrf-ro-br-dsnvyionrf~~ recommended to be sanctioned. but with a modification that it should be sanctioned at present for 5 years only and that a cytogenetist in the Gazetted scale and two Assistants should be attached to the Fruit Research Station, Kodur. The estimates were asked to be revised accordingly. The Committee was of the opinion that the scheme could not be linked with the work done on bananas at Poona under Professor Agharkar, since a wide range of breeding materi existed only at Kodur.

(4) The citrus disease scheme for Wynad was recommende by the Committeeefor sanction with retrospective effect,i.e., from the date the work commenced.

(5) The orange borer scheme was not accepted by the Committee, and the work was asked to be linked with the regiona fruit stations if and when established.

III. Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Citrus Die-Back held at New Delhi on 29-10-48.

The subcommittee considered the summary of the symptoms of citrus diseases met with in peninsular India and came to the conclusion that mere comprehensive investigations than have been possible so far, should be undertaken at different centres, including in this province for Sathgudi diseases and Coorg for mandarin orange diseases.

IV. Contribution made by the undersigned.

I Participated actively in the discussion of almost all the items in the agenda. In particular I was mainly responsible for the rejection of the proposal submitted by the Calcutta University to depute a particular individual to Trinidad for training in banana cytology, and also for the acceptance of the various schemes submitted by this province on fruit research.

V. Conclusions arrived at.

The various conclusions have already been ~~utilised~~ outlined briefly under items I and III above.

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for Director of Agriculture.

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TO A.S.

The report of the Fruit Specialist on pp. 3-4 below may be perused.

May be lodged and added to the previous papers at (P)

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